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Addendum

Proposed strategic framework for the period 2016-2017

(Item 3 (b))

Programme 5
Peaceful uses of outer space

1. At its 18th meeting, on 12 June 2014, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered programme 5, Peaceful uses of outer space, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2016-2017 (A/69/6 (Prog.5)).

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the programme and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

3. Appreciation was expressed for the concise and streamlined presentation of the document and the efforts undertaken by the Office for Outer Space Affairs to harmonize the schedules of the Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space in order to ensure that the outcome of the review of the strategic framework by the latter Committee was made available to the Committee for Programme and Coordination during its review of the programme.

4. Delegations expressed their support for the programme, in particular the critical role it played in helping developing countries to use space science and technology for economic, social and scientific development, and highlighted the need to strengthen the programme. Clarification was sought regarding the financial and human resources challenges faced by the programme as illustrated in the report

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of the Secretary-General on the programme performance report of the United Nations for the biennium 2012-2013 (A/69/144), and their impact on the planned strategy for 2016-2017. In that context, the need to provide the Office for Outer Space Affairs with more human and financial resources for the effective fulfilment of its mandate was highlighted. Queries were also raised on the decreasing level of voluntary contributions in cash and in kind and its impact on the programme of the United Nations Platform for Space-based Information for Disaster Management and Emergency Response (UN-SPIDER).

5. Clarification was sought on the challenges faced in concluding legal agreements with host countries and whether any legal agreements had been reached with developing countries or multiple entities during the seventh session of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space.

6. Clarification was sought on the type of international entities referred to under "Objective of the Organization". In respect of indicator of achievement (b) (i), clarification was sought on the number of countries receiving training, including the type of training to be provided.

7. Queries were raised on the level of support provided by the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space to its new members.

Conclusions and recommendations

8. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of programme 5, Peaceful uses of outer space, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2016-2017, subject to the following modifications:**

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

In expected accomplishment (b), insert ", including developing countries and countries with economies in transition," after "countries".

Indicators of achievement

In indicator of achievement b (i), insert ", in particular developing countries," after "countries".

In indicator of achievement b (ii), insert ", in particular developing countries," after "countries".

In indicator of achievement d (i), insert ", in particular developing countries," after "countries".